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Sen. Garcia's bill to bring defense and homeland security jobs to Michigan signed into law

LANSING – With thousands of manufacturing jobs leaving Michigan every year, Senator Valde Garcia, R-Howell, authored legislation signed into law Thursday to create an office within the Michigan Economic Development Corporation whose sole purpose is to find communities in need of jobs and match them up with defense and homeland security contracts.

“Michigan was known as the arsenal of democracy during World War II,” Garcia said. “With America at war, it is imperative that our troops have the best equipment so they can properly do their jobs and come home safely. Most of their equipment has to be made in the United States and should be made in Michigan. We have the manufacturing infrastructure and we have a highly trained workforce. Those jobs can put many Michiganders back to work this year.”

The office, known as the Defense Contract Coordination Center, will receive funds appropriated from the 21st Century Jobs package.

Public Act 317 of 2006 was previously known as Senate Bill 727.

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